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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMAN BOWEN

1. CONGRESSMAN DAVID R. BOWEN OF MISSISSIPPI WILL BE TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WHILE ENROUTE WILL BE STOPPING IN KINSHASA FOR THREE DAYS, JANUARY 2 THROUGH 5. CONGRESSMAN BOWEN IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEES. WHILE HE HAS NO PRECISE GOAL IN MIND FOR HIS ZAIRE STOP, HE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- A. A THOROUGH BRIEFING ON THE ANGOLAN SITUATION.
- B. THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS, VISIT A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND
- C. VISIT BRAZZAVILLE, IF POSSIBLE.

HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SPEND ALL HIS TIME

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IN BRIEFINGS, BUT WANTED TO SEE SOME OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

AS WELL. WHEN DISCUSSING THE TRIP HE DID SPECIFICALLY INQUIRE INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF VISITING THE PORT OF MATADI AND/OR INGA-SHABA CONSTRUCTION SITES. WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THIS TRIP COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AIR, THE CONGRESSMAN INQUIRED AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DAO AIRCRAFT. HE WAS TOLD THAT ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE ANYTHING, BUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PASS HIS WISHES TO THE EMBASSY.

2. HE WILL BE DEPARTING THE US ON DEC 30 FOR LONDON. HIS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

DEC 30 DULLES - LONDON

JAN 1&2 LONDON - KINSHASA VIA BRITISH CALEDONIAN 359

ARRIVING AT 0900 ON JAN 2.

JAN 5 KINSHASA - JOHANNESBURG VIA SWISS AIR 284

DEPARTING KINSHASA 0805.

3. CONGRESSMAN BOWEN WILL BE DEPARTING WASHINGTON AT NOON ON THE 30TH AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A GENERAL OUTLINE OF WHAT EMBASSY KINSHASA HAS PLANNED FOR HIS VISIT AND THE NAME OF THE CONTROL OFFICER BEFORE DEPARTING. HE WILL BE TRAVELLING ALONE AND REQUESTS THAT EMB- RESERVE SINGLE AT INTERCON. FT FUNDS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED. KISSINGER

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